

# Neighbourhood Support Palmerston North



PALMERSTON NORTH  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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If you would like to join one of our suburb e-mail trees or a Neighbourhood Support group give us a call on 355 4468 or visit our website at [www.pncitysupport.com](http://www.pncitysupport.com) and use the link to e-mail us contact details.

Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year to all our members!

### Are you ready for Christmas?

So are the burglars. No one wants to come home to find all their possessions have been stolen. Here are ten top tips for burglary prevention whilst you're away over the holiday period.

- \* Make sure a trusted neighbour or relative knows that you are away and get them to keep an eye on your house.
  - \* Make sure all of the windows and doors are locked securely before you leave.
  - \* Lock all sheds, garages and out buildings.
  - \* Cancel your newspaper and get a neighbour to clear your letterbox every day.
  - \* Get your trusted neighbour or relative to turn on a light each night and to open and close the curtains to make your house look lived in – even better get a house sitter.
  - \* Get someone to mow your lawns while you are away.
  - \* Put away and secure anything that a burglar might be able to use to break into your house, particularly ladders and tools or anything they can stand on to get access to high windows.
  - \* Get your trusted neighbour or relative to hang their washing on your clothes line and park their car in your driveway occasionally.
  - \* Trim back all trees and shrubs that obscure the view of your house make sure that passers-by and neighbours can see into your property. Burglars don't like to be seen.
  - \* Leave a battery powered radio on while you're away. The sound of talking coming from your house may deter a burglar.
- Here are a few things NOT to do:
- \* Don't announce your absence on social media and make sure your kids don't put your travel plans on their facebook page.
  - \* Don't post photos of yourself on holiday on Facebook or Instagram while you are away.
  - \* Don't leave portable valuables such as laptops, tablets and jewellery in plain sight of the windows.
  - \* Don't leave door and car keys in an obvious place.

Stay safe and secure this festive period.

### Opening hours

We are open over the Christmas and New Year period, apart from the statutory public holidays. You can send in your updated lists or contact us for advice. If it is an emergency, ring 111 immediately. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday period and look forward to your continuing support in 2016.

### New website now live

Take a look at our new website whilst you're at home. We welcome any feedback either via the contacts page or directly to us here. If there is something you'd like to see on it, let us know. Thank you to our volunteer for all his input.

Listen to Neighbourhood Support every Thursday at 10:00am on Access Manawatu 999AM or via live stream at [www.accessmanawatu.co.nz](http://www.accessmanawatu.co.nz)  
You can also listen to previous episodes.



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PERSONS AND VEHICLES TO 111**